

1 Assembly may provide for juries of 6 with the concurrence
2 of five in the District Court.

3 Now, perhaps I should eliminate with the con-
4 currence of five, because that was tied in with the
5 previous amendment, if I might have permission to strike
6 that out to make it conform with the other amendment.

7 This is limited to cases in the new district
8 court. If you are going to have that court trying with
9 a jury of six, the civil cases which are within the
10 court's jurisdiction, then it seems to me as a companion
11 measure, they should have the right to try the criminal
12 cases that are within their limited jurisdiction, otherwise,
13 a great deal of the benefit of the smaller verdicts at that
14 level would be lost and of course the great advantage of
15 permitting a jury trial at that level is that you avoid
16 the necessity of having the same case either transferred
17 by the election of the jury trial or by a transfer and
18 trial de novo in another court which is a waste of time
19 for all persons involved, including the litigants.

20 The lack of unanimity at the courts of juris-
21 diction in criminal cases do not apply at this lower